

TOWN OF GRAFTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT



MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022, 7:30 P.M.

GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL

AUDITORIUM

2022 Grafton Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda

A consent agenda's purpose is to act expeditiously upon certain types of articles that historically have generated no controversy and can reasonably be voted upon without debate. With a consent agenda, several articles can be addressed with a single vote, thereby ensuring that a greater proportion of Town Meeting's time is dedicated to articles that are the subject of genuine debate.

When the Consent Agenda is called, the Moderator will read out the number of each article, one by one. If one or more voter's object to any particular article being included in the Consent Agenda, they may say "hold" in a loud voice when that Article's number is called. That Article will then be removed from the Consent Agenda and restored to its original place in the Warrant, to be debated and voted upon in the usual manner. After the calling of the individual Articles in the Consent Agenda, the Moderator will ask for a motion that the voters pass all remaining Consent Agenda Articles AS A UNIT, with a single vote. Use of the Consent agenda makes the Town Meeting more efficient by speeding up the handling of non-controversial items, thereby allowing more time for discussion where genuine concern exists.

In this Warrant there will be two Consent Agendas. The Consent Agendas below will be taken up before Article 1 at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022.

Please review the list of articles and motions proposed for each Consent Item which follows.

Consent Motion 1 pertains to Articles that will affect the current fiscal year. Having these articles in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant eliminates the need for a Special Town Meeting.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to act upon Article 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, and that they be "passed by consent."

Consent Motion 2 pertains to Articles that will affect the next fiscal year, and have historically generated little to no discussion. They have been added to the Consent Agenda to ensure time is available for discussion of genuine concerns.

Motion: I move that the Town vote to act upon Article 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, and that they be "passed by consent".

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Appropriation: An authorization to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. An appropriation is granted by Town Meeting and is for a specified amount and may be limited in time as to when it may be expended. Any part of the general appropriation not spent or encumbered by June 30 automatically reverts to surplus, which may become Free Cash. A specific appropriation is carried forward from year to year until spent for the designated purpose or transferred by Town Meeting vote to another account.

Budget: A plan of financial operation consisting of an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the means of financing them. The budget is voted on during the Spring Town Meeting for the fiscal year that begins the following July 1st.

Capital Budget: A plan of proposed capital outlays and the means of financing them for the current year.

Community Preservation Act (CPA): The Town adopted the CPA in 2001. This Act allows the town to collect up to a 3% surcharge (Grafton has voted 1.5%) on property tax bills which creates the Community Preservation Fund, to use for specific Community Preservation purposes. These funds are managed by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The Committee has two important functions: to evaluate community needs in the areas for which CPA funding can be used, and to make recommendations to Town Meeting for the use of CPA funds.

Debt Service: Payment of interest and repayment of principle to holders of the Town's debt instruments.

Free Cash: The portion of unreserved fund balance available for appropriation. It is not cash but rather the approximate total of cash and receivables less current liabilities and earmarked reserves also reduced by reserves for uncollected taxes. This is also referred to as "available cash." The amount is certified annually by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

General Fund: The major town-owned fund which is created with town receipts and which is charged with expenditures payable from revenues.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB): The term OPEB refers to all benefits, other than pensions, that retirees receive. Primarily these benefits come in the form of retiree healthcare and life insurance. Grafton currently has an unfunded liability of rough \$81.5 Million, in order to fund this obligation, an OPEB Trust Account has been established and will receive annual funding from a variety of sources.

Receipts Reserved For Appropriation (RRFA): Receipts from a specific revenue source segregated from the general fund into a separate fund and earmarked for appropriation for specified purposes by statute. Appropriations from the fund are limited to actual collections on hand and available.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF GRAFTON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 9, 2022

WARRANT

Worcester, SS.

To Any of the Constables of the Town of Grafton, in the County of Worcester

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at their respective precincts:

Precincts 1, 2, & 3	Grafton Middle School 22 Providence Road	Precincts 4 & 5	Millbury Street Elementary School 105 Millbury Street
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On Tuesday, the Seventeenth (17th) of May, 2022, from eight o'clock AM (8:00 AM) until eight o'clock PM (8:00 PM) to cast their votes for the following Town Offices:

Vote for Two	Select Board	3 Year Term
Vote for Two	School Committee	3 Year Term
Vote for One	School Committee	1 Year Term
Vote for Two	Planning Board	3 Year Term
Vote for Two	Board of Library Trustees	3 Year Term
Vote for One	Town Clerk	3 Year Term

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Grafton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet on/in the Grafton High School Auditorium located at 24 Providence Road on Monday, the Ninth (9th) Day of May 2022 at Seven Thirty PM (7:30 PM) and act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1 (CONSENT MOTION 1):

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the ConSub RR RRFA Account to the Conservation Wetlands Revolving Fund Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Director

ARTICLE 2 (CONSENT MOTION 1):

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the Cable Project Account for the purpose of paying debt service, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Grafton Cable Commission

ARTICLE 3 (CONSENT MOTION 1):

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from available sources to the OPEB Trust Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Director

ARTICLE 4 (CONSENT MOTION 1):

To see if the Town will vote to transfer sixty-nine thousand eight hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$69,824.00) from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve Account to the Grafton Affordable Housing Trust, with such funds to be used in accordance with the CPA guidelines for community housing, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 5 (CONSENT MOTION 1):

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from Free Cash to the OPEB Trust Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Director

ARTICLE 6 (CONSENT MOTION 1):

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from available sources for the purpose of adjusting certain line items with the operational budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Director

ARTICLE 7 (CONSENT MOTION 1):

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) from Sewer Retained Earnings Account to the account entitled "Wages Permanent Personnel" or to take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 8 (CONSENT MOTION 1):

To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the remaining balance in the Capital Account Demolition of Adams Road to the Hennessy Project Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 9 (CONSENT MOTION 2):

To hear the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards and Committees, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 10 (CONSENT MOTION 2):

To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Trustee of the Nelson Park and Memorial Library and Building Fund for a term of three years, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Nelson Park and Memorial Trustees

ARTICLE 11 (CONSENT MOTION 2):

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for State-Aid Highway purposes, as requested by the Select Board, to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Transportation Bond Bill, so-called, and amendments thereto, for roadway construction, reconstruction and improvements, including surface treatments and other work incidental to the above, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 12 (CONSENT MOTION 2):

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, pursuant to Article 4, Section 9, of the Town By-Laws, to sell surplus items under such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interests of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 13 (CONSENT MOTION 2):

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and amendments thereto, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, and amendments thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 14 (CONSENT MOTION 2):

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the total expenditures for the following revolving funds pursuant to G.L. c. 44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, to be expended in accordance with the bylaws heretofore approved:

Board/Department/Officer authorized to expend:	Revenue Source and Maximum Expenditure	Funds may be expended only for:	FISCAL YEARS
Town Administrator	Rent and Utilities \$200,000	One Grafton Common maintenance	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
School Department	State and Federal Grants \$10,000	Staff Development Workshops	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
School Department	Tuition Payments \$200,000	Early Childhood Programs	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
School Department	Out of district fees \$200,000	Out of district transportation	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
School Department	Sale of Surplus \$200,000	Education Tablets & Laptops	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
School Department	Rental Revolving Fund \$50,000	Maintenance of school facilities	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
School Department	Extended Services Revolving Fund \$50,000	Programs outside of the school day or year	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
Council on Aging	Ridership fees \$35,000	Elder Bus Transportation	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
Conservation Commission	Filing Fees \$25,000	Expenses related to duties	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
Fire Department	Inspection Fees \$10,000	Fire Sprinkler System Review	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Medicare Part 855B \$20,000	Vaccine Administration	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Community Nursing Gift Account \$5,000	CPR and Sharps Containers	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Tufts Biomedical Inspections \$10,000	Inspections at Tufts University	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years

Board of Health	Septic Plan Review \$20,000	Central MA Regional Health Alliance Septic Plan Review	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Soil Testing \$20,000	Central MA Regional Health Alliance Soil Testing	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
Board of Health	Well Review \$5,000	Central MA Regional Health Alliance Well Review	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
South Grafton Community House	Rental fees \$20,000	Maintenance and upkeep	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
Library	Lost Book fees \$5,000	Replacement of materials	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
Council on Aging	Program Fees \$35,000	Program Funding	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
Conservation Commission	Storm Water Bylaw \$10,000	Expenses for Administration	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
Library	User fees \$10,000	Replenishing materials	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years
Recreation	Program and Activity Fees \$350,000	Department Operations	Fiscal Year 2023 and subsequent years

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 15 (CONSENT MOTION 2):

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to request the funding of transportation services from the WRTA, and to contract for and provide elderly bus services for the Town of Grafton, for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 16 (CONSENT MOTION 2):

To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the remaining balance in the Capital Account established by Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting in May 2019 to the 5 Ton Excess Account, established by Article 6 of the Annual Town Meeting in May 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Director

ARTICLE 17 (CONSENT MOTION 2):

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following hydrant from the Grafton Water District:

- #709 Elm Street #34

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer and appropriate any sum of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year, the period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, as outlined in Appendix A, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 19:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money in the amount of one million four hundred and fifty-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,459,750.00) toward a program of lease payments on capital items, purchases, improvements, and special articles as generally illustrated in Appendix B, and to meet said appropriation, transfer two hundred twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$229,000.00) of certified free cash and appropriate one million two hundred and thirty thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,230,750.00) from the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator/CIPC

ARTICLE 20:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the operating costs of the Sewer Enterprise Fund for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2022, which is inclusive of all expenses and interfund transfers as outline in Appendix C, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners/
Finance Director

ARTICLE 21:

To see if the Town will vote appropriate a sum of money to fund the Grafton Community Television budget as recommended by the Cable Oversight Committee in the amount of four hundred thirty-eight thousand four hundred and nine dollars (\$438,409.00) for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Grafton Cable Oversight Committee

ARTICLE 22:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for its net operating and capital assessment by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (the "District") for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2021, which is inclusive of the \$46,096.00 of Proposition 2 ½

exempted funds to be applied against debt service associated with Grafton's previously voted amount for the District's addition/renovation project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational
Regional School District Committee

ARTICLE 23:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from Sewer Retained Earnings Account to account entitled "O&M Emergency" or to take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 24:

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c. 41, Section 108P, allowing for the additional compensation for the Town Collector or Treasurer in the amount of \$1,000.00, annually, upon completing the necessary courses of study and training and being awarded the requisite certification and providing such proof the Town Administrator, and such additional compensation shall be subject to appropriation by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Treasurer/Collector

ARTICLE 25:

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c. 59, Section 21A, allowing for additional compensation for the Town Assessor in the amount of \$1,000.00, annually, upon completing the necessary course of study and training and being awarded the requisite certification and providing such proof to the Town Administrator, and such additional compensation shall be subject to appropriation by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Treasurer/Collector

ARTICLE 26:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 41, §110A, which provides that any public office of the Town may remain closed on any or all Saturdays, and where the last day for performances of any act in any such office falls on a Saturday when said office is closed, the act may be performed on the next succeeding business day, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 27:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for its administrative expenses, community preservation projects, and other expenses in fiscal year 2023, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY2023 estimated revenues for Community Preservation Administrative Expenses:
\$24,000.00

Reserves:

From FY2023 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$77,411.00
From FY2023 estimated revenues for Affordable Housing Reserve	\$77,411.00
From FY2023 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$77,411.00
From FY2023 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$517,873.00

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 28:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money in the amount of sixty-four thousand five hundred dollars (\$64,500.00) from the Open Space and Recreation Reserve for the purpose of making the fourteenth of twenty (14th of 20) interest and principal payments on the \$1.2 million bond issued for the purchase of the Pell Farm property, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 29:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money in the amount of seventy-four thousand one hundred dollars (\$74,100.00) from the Historical Reserve for the purpose of making the eighth of twenty (8th of 20) interest and principal payments on the \$1.1 million bond issued for the restoration of the Grafton Town House, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to extend the sunset provision set to expire on June 30, 2022, for the previously approved ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to restore the 1848 Howard and Davis Scale and Cabinet and then to be displayed in an agreed upon public location, with such funds as previously authorized to be expended before June 30, 2023 unless the CPC by majority vote extends the deadline, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 31:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money in the amount of one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00) from the Community Preservation Act FY2023 Budgeted Reserve for the South Grafton Elementary School Playground Accessibility Project with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2024, unless the CPC by majority vote extends the deadline, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 32:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) from the Community Preservation Act FY2023 Budgeted Reserve for the UUSGU Phase 2 Universal Accessibility Project with such funds to be expended by June 30, 2024 unless the CPC by majority vote extends the deadline, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 33:

To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article 12, Section 25 of the Grafton General By-Laws in its entirety, and replacing it with the new wording as provided below, and further that the Town authorize non-substantive changes to the lettering, numbering, and pagination of the General By-Laws to be consistent with said By-Law.

Fingerprint Based Criminal Record Background Checks

SECTION 25 (A): Purpose and Scope

This By-law authorizes the Police Department to conduct state and national fingerprint based criminal history checks for individuals applying for specific licenses in Town to enhance public safety, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 6, Section 172B½. To carry out the criminal history checks authorized by this by-law, the Police Department shall be authorized to use state and Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") records, provided, however, that such records shall not be disseminated to unauthorized entities and shall be maintained and disclosed in accordance with all applicable law.

The By-law further authorizes the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Chief of Police, to promulgate regulations to implement this by-law, which may include, but shall not be limited to, establishment of submission deadlines, procedures for making recommendations to the licensing authority or making a licensing as a result of the criminal history check, procedures for assessing, correcting or amending any such record, criteria for fitness determinations, security of information obtained and penalties for failure to comply with this by-law.

SECTION 25 (B): Criminal History Check Authorization

The Police Department shall, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 6, Section 172B½, conduct State and Federal Fingerprint Based Criminal History checks for individuals and entities for the following licenses:

- Hawking and Peddling or other Door-to-Door Salespeople
- Manager of Alcohol Beverage License
- Owner or Operator of Public Conveyance
- Dealer of Second-hand Articles
- Pawn Dealers
- Hackney Drivers
- Ice Cream & Food Truck Vendors

- Bodyworks Practitioner
- Motor Vehicle Dealers

At the time of fingerprinting, the Police Department shall notify the individual being fingerprinted that the fingerprints will be used to check the individual's criminal history records and obtain the individual's consent. After the applicant completes a consent form, provides his/her fingerprints and the appropriate fee, the Police Department shall transmit the fingerprints it has obtained pursuant to this by-law to the Identification Section of the Massachusetts State Police, the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services ("DCJIS"), and/or the FBI or the successors of such agencies as may be necessary for the purpose of conducting fingerprint-based state and national criminal records background checks for the license applicants specified in this by-law.

The Town authorizes the Massachusetts State Police, the DCJIS and the FBI and their successors, as may be applicable, to conduct fingerprint-based state and national criminal record background checks, including of FBI records, consistent with this by-law. The Town authorizes the Police Department to receive and utilize State and FBI records in connection with such background checks, consistent with this by-law and its implementing regulations. In accordance with its implementing regulations, the Police Department shall communicate the results of fingerprint-based criminal record background checks to the appropriate governmental licensing authority within the Town.

SECTION 25 (C): Use of Criminal Record by Licensing Authorities

Licensing authorities of the Town shall utilize the results of fingerprint-based criminal record background checks for the sole purpose of determining the suitability of the subjects of the checks in connection with the license applications specified in this by-law. A Town licensing authority may deny an application for a license on the basis of the results of a fingerprint-based criminal record background check if it determines that the results of the check render the subject unsuitable for the proposed licensed activity. The licensing authority shall consider all applicable laws, regulations and Town policies bearing on an applicant's suitability in making this determination.

Licensing authorities of the Town are hereby authorized to deny an application for any license specified herein and in the implementing regulations, including renewals and transfers of said licenses, from any person who is determined unfit for the license due to information obtained pursuant to this by-law. Factors that shall be considered in making a determination of fitness shall include, but not be limited to, whether the record subject has been convicted of, or is under pending indictment for a crime, that bears upon the subject's ability or fitness to serve in that capacity, including any felony or a misdemeanor that involved force or threat of force, possession of a controlled substance, or sex-related offense.

SECTION 25 (D): Fees

The fee charged by the Police Department for the purpose of conducting fingerprint-based criminal record background checks shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) for each fingerprinting and criminal history check. A portion of the fee, as specified in

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 6, Section 172B½, shall be deposited into the Firearms Fingerprint Identity Verification Trust Fund, and the remainder of the fee may be retained by the Town for costs associated with the administration of the fingerprinting system.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Grafton Police Department

ARTICLE 34:

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. c. 30 §59, which provides compensation, benefits, and job security to Town employees who are also serving as active duty members of the armed forces of the United States, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 35:

To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article 2, Section 1A, of the Grafton General By-Laws in its entirety, and replace it with the new wording provided below, and further that the Town authorize non-substantive changes to the lettering, numbering, and pagination of the General By-Laws to be consistent with said By-Law.

SECTION 1A. The spring session of the annual town meeting shall be held on the second Monday in May of each year and the third Monday in October, both sessions to begin at 7:00 PM, and if there is unfinished business that subsequent adjourned meetings shall be held on the following Wednesday and Monday evenings consecutively at 7:00 PM until final adjournment.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 36:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 37, Section 2, of the Grafton General By-Laws by adding the following wording under the "Pollutant" section:

(12) Coal Tar-Based Asphalt Sealants

And further that the Town authorize non-substantive changes to the lettering, numbering, and pagination of the General By-Laws to be consistent, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

ARTICLE 37:

To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article 34, Chapter 1 of the Grafton General By-Laws in its entirety, and replace it with the new wording as provided below, and further that the Town authorize non-substantive changes to the letter, numbering, and pagination of the General By-Laws to be consistent with said bylaw.

Chapter 1: Establishment and Membership

Grafton Hereby establishes a Community Preservation Committee Consisting of nine (9) members pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44B. The Committee will be responsible for making recommendations to Town Meeting on Community Preservation.

The composition, terms, and appointment of the Committee shall be as follows: One member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission; one member of the Historical Commission as designated by the Commission; one member of the Grafton Housing Authority as designated by the Authority; one member of the Planning Board as designated by the Board, one member of the Recreation Commission as designated by the Commission; one member of the Affordable Housing Trust as designated by the Trust; and three at-large members as appointed by the Select Board.

All terms of at-large members will be for three years and all members of the committee may be reappointed.

Should any of the Commissions, Boards, or Committees who have appointment authority under this chapter no longer exist for whatever reason, the appointing authority for that Commission, Board, or Committee shall become the responsibility of the Select Board.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Affordable Housing Trust

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof in some conspicuous place in each of the precincts of the Town at least fourteen days before said meeting.


Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 19th day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

SELECT BOARD

TOWN OF GRAFTON

Peter Carlson, Chair



Colleen Roy, Vice Chair



Mathew Often, Clerk



Doreen DeFazio

Raymond Mead

A TRUE COPY,
ATTEST:

April 19, 2022

I have complied with the requirements of the above Warrant and with the Town of Grafton By-Laws by posting an attested copy of the Warrant in some conspicuous place in each of the precincts of the town on the above date.



Constable of Grafton

APPENDIX A:

	FY22 Budget	FY23 Budget	\$ Change	% of Total Budget
General Government	\$11,662,540.00	\$12,655,999.00	\$ 993,459.00	17.70
Public Safety	\$3,670,255.00	\$4,090,078.00	\$ 419,823.00	5.70
Schools	\$39,707,473.00	\$41,858,117.00	\$ 2,150,644.00	58.50
Public Works	\$3,268,591.00	\$3,477,214.00	\$ 208,623.00	4.90
Health & Human Services	\$576,601.00	\$639,126.00	\$ 62,525.00	0.90
Culture & Recreation	\$1,263,059.00	\$1,387,798.00	\$ 124,739.00	1.90
Debt Services	\$5,949,174.00	\$6,069,729.00	\$ 120,555.00	8.50
Capital Articles	\$2,249,780.00	\$2,725,795.00	\$ 476,015.00	1.80
Interfund transfers	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	
Total	\$68,347,473.00	\$72,953,856.00		

APPENDIX A DETAIL:

FY2023 FINAL GF BUDGET

FY2023 FINAL GF BUDGET			
General Government			
	Moderator		
		Personnel Services	\$150.00
		Expenses	\$100.00
	Total Moderator:		\$250.00
	Selectmen		
		Personnel Services	\$51,855.00
		Expenses	\$12,500.00
	Total Selectmen:		\$64,355.00
	Town Admin.		
		Personnel Services	\$318,875.00
		Expenses	\$59,000.00
	Total Town Admin.:		\$377,875.00
	Finance Comm.		
		Personnel Services	\$0.00
		Expenses	\$3,760.00
	Total Finance Comm.:		\$3,760.00
	Reserve Fund		
		Expenses	\$75,000.00
	Total Reserve Fund:		\$75,000.00
	Town Accountant		
		Personnel Services	\$223,348.00
		Expenses	\$22,700.00
	Total Town Accountant:		\$246,048.00
	Assessors		
		Personnel Services	\$174,010.00
		Expenses	\$50,462.00
	Total Assessors:		\$224,472.00
	Treasurer/Collector		
		Personnel Services	\$242,227.00
		Expenses	\$65,240.00
	Total Treasurer/Collector:		\$307,467.00

	Legal		
		Expenses	\$130,000.00
	Total Legal:		\$130,000.00
	Human Resources		
		Personnel Services	\$76,250.00
		Expenses	\$41,894.00
	Total Human Resources:		\$118,144.00
	M.I.S./G.I.S.		
		Expenses	\$282,190.00
		Equipment Outlay	\$10,000.00
	Total M.I.S./G.I.S.:		\$292,190.00
	Copiers		
		Expenses	\$30,600.00
	Total Copiers:		\$30,600.00
	Town Clerk		
		Personnel Services	\$180,963.00
		Expenses	\$13,220.00
	Total Town Clerk:		\$194,183.00
	Elect & Registration		
		Personnel Services	\$44,325.00
		Expenses	\$49,455.00
	Total Elect & Registration:		\$93,780.00
	Cable Tv		
		Expenses	\$3,000.00
	Total Cable Tv:		\$3,000.00
	Conser. Comm.		
		Personnel Services	\$111,668.00
		Expenses	\$5,400.00
		Encumbered Funds	\$0.00
	Planning Board		
		Personnel Services	\$189,014.00
		Expenses	\$11,850.00

	Total Planning Board:		\$200,864.00
	Appeals Board		
		Personnel Services	\$32,542.00
		Expenses	\$3,500.00
	Total Appeals Board:		\$36,042.00
	Ec. Dev. Commission		
		Personnel Services	\$32,889.00
		Expenses	\$15,500.00
	Total Ec. Dev. Commission:		\$48,389.00
	Farnumsville Fire Hs		
		Expenses	\$2,050.00
	Total Farnumsville Fire Hs:		\$2,050.00
	S.G.C.H.		
		Personnel Services	\$0.00
		Expenses	\$21,700.00
	Total S.G.C.H.:		\$21,700.00
	Municipal Center		
		Personnel Services	\$199,397.00
		Expenses	\$219,500.00
	Total Municipal Center:		\$418,897.00
	Unclassified		
		Personnel Services	\$8,720,265.00
		Expenses	\$829,600.00
	Total Unclassified:		\$9,549,865.00
	Fuel/Gasoline		
		Expenses	\$100,000.00
	Total Fuel/Gasoline:		\$100,000.00
Total General Government:			\$12,655,999.00
Public Safety			
	Police Dept.		
		Personnel Services	\$2,472,817.00
		Expenses	\$217,800.00

		Equipment Outlay	\$104,000.00
	Total Police Dept.:		\$2,794,617.00
	Fire Dept.		
		Personnel Services	\$645,717.00
		Expenses	\$346,300.00
	Total Fire Dept.:		\$992,017.00
	Insp Of Buildings		
		Personnel Services	\$200,175.00
		Expenses	\$9,450.00
	Total Insp Of Buildings:		\$209,625.00
	Gas Inspector		
		Personnel Services	\$12,360.00
		Expenses	\$1,300.00
	Total Gas Inspector:		\$13,660.00
	Plumbing Inspector		
		Personnel Services	\$13,287.00
		Expenses	\$1,300.00
	Total Plumbing Inspector:		\$14,587.00
	Sealer Of Weights		
		Personnel Services	\$8,375.00
		Expenses	\$650.00
	Total Sealer Of Weights:		\$9,025.00
	Wiring Inspector		
		Personnel Services	\$14,147.00
		Expenses	\$2,300.00
	Total Wiring Inspector:		\$16,447.00
	Emergency Management		
		Personnel Services	\$1,400.00
		Expenses	\$6,750.00
	Total Emergency Management:		\$8,150.00
	Animal Control		
		Personnel Services	\$0.00

		Expenses	\$29,050.00
	Total Animal Control:		\$29,050.00
	Animal Inspector		
		Personnel Services	\$2,900.00
	Total Animal Inspector:		\$2,900.00
Total Public Safety:			\$4,090,078.00
Schools			
	Public Schools		
		Professional Salaries	\$26,141,792.00
		Clerical Salaries	\$1,670,162.00
		Other Salaries	\$5,806,452.00
		Contracted Services	\$5,113,498.00
		Supplies and Materials	\$1,476,759.00
		Other Expenses	\$101,544.00
		Tuition Reimbursement	\$1,547,910.00
	Total Public Schools:		\$41,858,117.00
Total Schools:			\$41,858,117.00
Public Works			
	Engineering		
		Personnel Services	\$86,107.00
		Expenses	\$138,600.00
		Encumbered Funds	\$0.00
	Total Engineering:		\$224,707.00
	Highway Department		
		Personnel Services	\$848,306.00
		Expenses	\$585,500.00
	Total Highway Department:		\$1,433,806.00
	Sanitation		
		Personnel Services	\$10,000.00
		Expenses	\$1,249,500.00
	Total Sanitation:		\$1,259,500.00
	Snow And Ice Control		
		Personnel Services	\$38,000.00
		Expenses	\$162,000.00
	Total Snow And Ice Control:		\$200,000.00

	Street Lighting		
		Expenses	\$42,000.00
	Total Street Lighting:		\$42,000.00
	Cem & Parks Dept.		
		Personnel Services	\$239,951.00
		Expenses	\$77,250.00
	Total Cem & Parks Dept.:		\$317,201.00
Total Public Works:			\$3,477,214.00
Health & Human Services			
	Health Dept.		
		Personnel Services	\$79,321.00
		Expenses	\$130,217.00
	Total Health Dept.:		\$209,538.00
	Coun. On Aging		
		Personnel Services	\$227,764.00
		Expenses	\$19,050.00
	Total Coun. On Aging:		\$246,814.00
	Veterans Serv		
		Personnel Services	\$106,474.00
		Expenses	\$75,300.00
		Equipment Outlay	\$1,000.00
	Total Veterans Serv:		\$182,774.00
Total Health & Human Services:			\$639,126.00
Culture & Recreation			
	Library		
		Personnel Services	\$771,531.00
		Expenses	\$265,873.00
	Total Library:		\$1,037,404.00
	Recreation		
		Personnel Services	\$277,449.00
		Expenses	\$39,445.00

	Total Recreation:		\$316,894.00
	Nelson Library		
		Personnel Services	\$15,000.00
		Expenses	\$16,500.00
	Total Nelson Library:		\$31,500.00
Total Culture & Recreation:			\$1,385,798.00
Debt Service			
	Retirement Of Debt		
		Expenses	\$4,303,930.00
	Total Retirement Of Debt:		\$4,303,930.00
	Interest		
		Expenses	\$1,765,799.00
	Total Interest:		\$1,765,799.00
Total Debt Service:			\$6,069,729.00
Capital Articles			
	Capital Articles		
		B.V.B.T.	\$1,288,271.00
		Capital Improvements	\$10,000.00
	Total Capital Articles:		\$1,298,271.00
Total Capital Articles:			\$1,298,271.00
Interfund Transfers			
	Interfund Trans to OPEB Trust		
		Expenses	\$50,000.00
	Total Interfund Trans:		\$50,000.00
Total Interfund Transfers:			\$50,000.00
			\$71,524,332.00

APPENDIX B:

Project	Department	Amount
Replace Assessor's Vehicle	Assessor's	\$24,000.00
Replace Engineering Department Vehicle	Engineering	\$24,000.00
Station 2 Renovations	Fire Department	\$100,000.00
Engine 3 Lease	Fire Department	\$104,000.00
Fire Pumper Tanker Lease	Fire Department	\$100,000.00
Ventrac Slope Mower/Snow Thrower/Sweeper	Highway Department	\$65,000.00
Replace Truck 34	Highway Department	\$75,000.00
Replace Truck 48	Highway Department	\$246,750.00
Grafton Memorial Municipal Center Sprinkler Design	Municipal Center	\$25,000.00
Grafton Memorial Municipal Center Handicap Accessibility	Municipal Center	\$35,000.00
Master Plan	Planning	\$50,000.00
Replace PD Exterior Cameras	Police Department	\$25,000.00
Painting of Doors	Public Schools	\$40,000.00
Update Restrooms	Public Schools	\$80,000.00
Installation of Screens	Public Schools	\$30,000.00
Replacement of Tile – GMS	Public Schools	\$12,000.00
Boiler Repair	Public Schools	\$35,000.00
Roof Replacement	Public Schools	\$250,000.00
Auditorium Wall Repair	Public Schools	\$45,000.00
Replacement of Furniture	Public Schools	\$70,000.00
Replace Recreation Vehicle	Recreation	\$24,000.00
		\$1,459,750.00

APPENDIX C:

FY2023 - SEWER ENTERPRISE FINAL BUDGET			
Sewer Enterprise Fund			
	Public Works		
		Personnel Services	\$519,731.00
		Expenses	\$705,542.00
		Interest	\$52,163.00
Total Public Works:			\$1,277,436.00
Interfund Transfers			
	Interfund Transfers to GF & OPEB Trust		
		GF Debt Payment	\$2,065,734.00
		OPEB Trust	\$28,000.00
Total Interfund Transfers:			\$2,093,734.00
			\$3,371,170.00